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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Notice of Ex Parte Communication*  
GN Docket No. 18-122

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter advises the Commission that on December 6, 2018, the C-Band Alliance (“CBA”) mailed the attached letter (the “Letter”) to a broad list of more than 300 contacts identified as being potential participants in the U.S. 5G ecosystem. Consistent with the CBA’s commitment to ensure that smaller regional and rural carriers have access to mid-band spectrum for 5G services, recipients included, among others, small, regional, and rural wireless carriers and local exchange carriers. The Letter invites interested parties to contact the CBA to learn more about the possible repurposing of a portion of C-band spectrum via market-based processes.

The CBA intends for its letter to be distributed broadly and is therefore filing a copy of the letter for inclusion in the public record of this proceeding. Any interested party that reviews the letter is invited to contact Bill Tolpegin at [BillT@c-bandalliance.com](mailto:BillT@c-bandalliance.com) or visit the CBA’s website at <https://c-bandalliance.com/>.

As affirmed in its comments and reply comments filed in this proceeding, the CBA is exceptionally well-positioned to serve as Transition Facilitator and is willing and able to negotiate the commercial and technical terms of secondary market agreements that could be executed and conditioned upon receipt of all governmental regulatory approvals and compliance with any rules and procedures adopted by the Commission.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment



December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Dear [XXX],

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, leading global satellite operators Intelsat, SES, Eutelsat and Telesat founded the C-Band Alliance (CBA), in a key move to support the United States' priority of winning the race to 5G.

Subject to a Federal Communications Commission Final Order in the proceeding titled "Expanding Flexible Use of the 3.7 to 4.2 GHz Band" (docket 18-122), the CBA is taking steps towards fulfilling the role of the Transition Facilitator described in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued in that proceeding in August 2018. The CBA plans to rapidly clear up to 200 MHz of mid-band spectrum while protecting incumbent U.S. satellite C-Band customers (180 MHz for 5G services and 20 MHz for a guard band).

In the coming weeks, the CBA plans to commence a process to facilitate the potential repurposing of a portion of C-Band spectrum for terrestrial use. The CBA is inviting you, as a potential U.S. 5G ecosystem participant, to contact us if you are interested in learning more about and/or participating in these market-based processes. If you are interested, please contact me at [BillT@c-bandalliance.com](mailto:BillT@c-bandalliance.com) or at the address below by January 11<sup>th</sup> for more information.

I look forward to working with you to help develop America's 5G future.

Sincerely,

Bill Tolpegin

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